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SUBJ: ESSO STOPS FUEL OIL SALES TO THERMAL ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS

1. OVER PAST FOUR MONTHS, ESSO HAS SOUGHT TO REDUCE \$650,000 EQUIVALENT BACKLOG IN UNPAID BILLS OWED BY BDG POWER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (PDB) FOR FUEL OIL SUPPLIED TO FIVE BDG THERMAL ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS. BALANCE DUE NOW RPT NOW STANDS AT ABOUT \$450,000 EQUIVALENT. ESSO GOAL IS TO REDUCE BALANCE DUE TO NORMAL 30 DAYS CREDIT, PLUS 30 DAY "FLOAT" OR ABOUT \$150,000 EQUIVALENT IN TAKA.

2. PDB OFFICIALS HAVE ARGUED THAT THEIR INABILITY TO COLLECT FROM ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS LEAVES THEM UNABLE MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO ESSO. AFTER SERIES OF DEADLINES AND SOME PAYMENTS, MATTER CAME TO HEAD CHRISTMAS WEEK WITH DECEMBER 24 ADMISSION BY PDB OFFICIAL THAT BOARD UNABLE MAKE FURTHER PAYMENT AND HE UNABLE COMMIT BOARD TO MAKE PAYMENT BY ANY GIVEN DATE. ESSO THEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED PDB THAT ESSO WOULD CEASE SUPPLYING FUEL OIL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 25 (COPY OF ESSO LETTER BEING POUCHED NEA/PAB). PDB (AND ALL BDG OFFICES) CLOSED DECEMBER 25, 26, AND 27TH.

3. ACCORDING ESSO MANAGER HERE, FIRST PLANT LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE THAT AT BARISAL, WHICH HE ESTIMATES HAS FUEL STOCKS SUFFICIENT ONLY FOR FEW DAYS. OTHER PLANTS ARE AT GOALPARA, BOGRA, AND THAKURGAON.

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4. COMMENT: BARISAL IS IN WESTERN ZONE (I.E. WEST OF GANGES/  
BRAHMAPUTRA RIVERS) AND HENCE NOT RPT NOT PART OF INTEGRATED GRID.  
CONSEQUENTLY, WE ASSUME BARISAL (POPULATION ABOUT ONE MILLION)  
HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON LOCAL POWER PLANT.  
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